

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2005. This Amendment is being submitted within the three month period for response extending to April 10, 2005. Additionally, please note that this Amendment is being
5 submitted within the two month period extending from the date of the Final Office Action to March 10, 2005. The current status of the claims is summarized below.

Claims 1-2, 11-12, and 34 are currently amended.

Claims 1-30 and 34-51 are pending in the application after entry of the present Amendment.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant acknowledges the allowability of claims 21-30, 41, and 46-51. Also, the Applicant acknowledges that each of claims 3-10, 13-20, 35, 37-38, 40, and 42-43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of
15 their respective base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 11-12, 34, 36, 39, and 44-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Hamilton et al. ("Hamilton" hereafter) (U.S. Patent No.
20 5,987,501). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 11, and 34 have been amended to clarify that the obtained image data corresponds to a single complete image to be rendered in a window on a display. Claims 1, 11, and 34 have been further amended to clarify that the image data is clipped to obtain clipped image data that will be visible when rendered in the window on

the display. Furthermore, claims 1, 11, and 34, as amended, clarify that the clipped image data represents a spatial portion of the single complete image.

Hamilton teaches a system for specifying and pre-fetching a number of media objects to be transmitted from a server to a client prior to commencing the transmission
5 of the media objects. Hamilton also teaches a data structure called a TrackList for keeping track of the number of media objects that are specified and pre-fetched. Hamilton further teaches a method for ensuring that each specified media object is queued and available for transmission when needed. Hamilton also teaches a method for throttling a rate at which media object data is transmitted from the server to the client to ensure that neither
10 the network nor the receiving client are overrun by transmitted data.

Hamilton does not include any teaching associated with clipping image data from a single complete image to obtain spatial portions of the single complete image that will be visible when rendered in a window on a display, as required by each of claims 1, 11, and 34. Furthermore, Hamilton does not teach transmitting the clipped image data in a
15 non-converted state from a server to a client, wherein the clipped image data represents the spatial portions of the single complete image obtained by performing the clipping operation, as required by each of claims 1, 11, and 34. Simply stated Hamilton is concerned with temporal aspects of media object transmission between a server and a client in order to reduce latency, prevent data loss, and establish data flow control.

20 In contrast to Hamilton, the present invention as recited in each of claims 1, 11, and 34 is directed to clipping a single complete image to obtain portions thereof that will be visible when rendered in a window of a display, and transmitting the clipped portions of the single complete image from the server to the client for rendering in the window. It should be appreciated that the present invention optimizes image data transmission from

the server to the client by transmitting only the clipped portions of the complete image that will be visible when rendered in the window on the display.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element of the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference. Since Hamilton does not
5 disclose each and every feature of claims 1, 11, and 34, as discussed above, Hamilton does not anticipate claims 1, 11, and 34. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the Office to withdraw the rejections of claims 1, 11, and 34.

Additionally, since each of claims 2, 36, and 44 ultimately depends from claim 1, the Applicant submits that each of claims 2, 36, and 44 is patentable for at least the same
10 reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Similarly, since each of claims 12, 39, and 45 ultimately depends from claim 11, the Applicant submits that each of claims 12, 39, and 45 is patentable for at least the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 11.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant kindly requests that the Office withdraw the rejections of claims 1-2, 11-12, 34, 36, 39, and 44-45. The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a notice of allowance is requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 774-6914. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP572). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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